

In - Fur - Nation

Your Guide to the World of Furry Fandom

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Our Motto: All The News We Get, We Print!

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"When this is all through, I'm gonna need some serious therapy..."

Coming up fast on Confurence Twelve, folks! The granddaddy of furry conventions has moved to Burbank, California, in one of the most popular hotels for fannish events in the LA basin. And we're here to tell you all about it – But first, here's some of what we're known best for: Furry news!

Calling it quits: Apparently, Yogurt was wrong – merchandising *isn't* the answer to everything. Warner Brothers recently announced that they will be closing all of their mall-based Warner Brothers Stores, due to less-than-expected sales revenues. Seems like things are tough all over – Disney recently had to close several Disney Stores, especially in Europe.

Recently, well-known furry artist **Dark Natasha** was the Grand Prize winner of White Wolf's *Werewolf: The Apocalypse* Illustration Contest, put on by *Previews* magalog. The second prize went to **Brett Weldele** of Montana, and the third prize to **Michelle Paluzzi** of Michigan. Congratulations all!

Disney's animated feature *The Emperor's New Groove* seems to have surprised nearly everyone and become that great Hollywood rarity: An unexpected hit. Despite troubles during production (like, having to virtually start over from scratch) that delayed its release considerably, the film has grossed more than \$85 million (domestic U.S.) as of this writing. And all that with almost none of the usual Disney merchandizing machinery to help it out. Kudos to (director) **Mark Dindal** and his crew. Oh, by the way – the video and DVD will be hitting stores on May 1st, and Disney has a special offer to go with them: Pre-order the video or DVD (also available in a special edition) at any Disney Store and they'll throw in a set of four lithographs featuring scenes from the film.

On the other paw, a very large advertising campaign is underway for the release of *Shrek* this May. It's the new CGI film from Dreamworks and PDI (the folks who brought you *Ants*), and it features the voices of **Mike Myers**, **Eddie Murphy**, **Cameron Diaz**, and **John Lithgow**. The story goes like this: The self-centered and arrogant Lord of the kingdom has banished all fairy-tale creatures from the land. Unfortunately for him, the creatures all fled to the deep dark woods patrolled by an ogre named Shrek. The sudden population explosion is enough to send our ogre friend off to confront the Lord himself. Along the way, he slays a fire-breathing dragon (awwww...), woos a pretty maiden, and picks up a friend in the form of a talking donkey who just won't shut up. Follow all that? Good...Merchandising tie-ins for *Shrek* are numerous, with perhaps the biggest being a line of full-sized and miniature figures from McFarlane Toys (as in Todd McFarlane, he of Image Comics). The film, meanwhile, hits theaters on May 18. Check out more at www.shrek.com.

Meanwhile, look for **Eddie Murphy** (and his friends) to return in *Doctor Dolittle 2*, coming to theaters on June 22. This time around, the good doctor who can talk to animals is trying to talk them out of going on strike!

Also coming to theaters, as mentioned last issue, is the new live-action comedy adventure *Cats and Dogs* from Warner Brothers. As it turns out, the plot goes like this: The current battle of dogs vs. cats is over a serum, invented by scientist **Jeff Goldblum**, which would permanently cure all and allergies to dogs. Needless to say, this would shift the balance of power immensely – so the cats are conspiring to destroy the serum. Our hero, a young dog, winds up on the team trying to save it. All this

comes to theaters on July 4. You can find out more – and download the movie trailer at www.catsanddogsmovie.com.

And, coming soon to theaters (some might say *finally*) is the film version of the video game, *Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within*. Like the game, this CGI feature film follows the adventures of a woman scientist who helps to defend the Earth from an alien invasion. Directed by the game's creator, Hironobu Sakaguchi, and produced by Christopher Lee, the film features the voices of Alec Baldwin, Steve Buscemi, Peri Gilpin, Ming-Na, Ving Rhames, Donald Sutherland, and James Woods. Look for it on July 13.

And, let us not forget, soon we will see the release of the third *Pokemon* movie, appropriately titled *Pokemon 3*. It's currently set to hit theaters on April 11.

Much of Hollywood is buzzing about the long-awaited (try *decades*) re-make of *Planet of the Apes*, which has finally been brought about by director **Tim Burton**. (With a lot of help from make-up artist **Rick Baker**, too!) In our next issue we'll have a lot more about the film – which will be released on July 27, 2001. Meanwhile, Dark Horse Comics, who will be releasing a movie tie-in, have included a brand new *Planet of the Apes* poster in *Dark Horse Extra* #34.

First word department: Next year (2002) be on the lookout for *The Country Bears* from Disney. Yep, you guessed it, a film based on The Country Bear Jamboree at Disneyland and Walt Disney World. Word is that the film will be live-action, with the bears being high-tech fur-suits created by **Jim Henson's Creative Shop**. The story goes like this: Young Beary, adopted son of a human family, makes an amazing discovery: He is, in fact, a bear. Well now. Soon he heads off into the woods to find more of his own kind. The film features the voice of **Haley Joel Osment** as Beary, and several new songs by folk-rock legend **John Hiatt**. We'll keep you posted when we know more.

Meanwhile, currently in theaters (See it while you can – it might not be for long) is *Monkeybone*, the new live-action feature film by *Nightmare Before Christmas* and *James & the Giant Peach* director **Henry Selick**. The story goes like this: **Brendan**

Fraser plays a cartoon creator who's channeled all of his crazy, lustful hidden desires into his creation, a toon named *Monkeybone*. (Oh, the Freud comes fast and thick in *this* movie, folks – *ye ed-otter*.) On the night he's going to propose to his girlfriend/therapist, a car accident puts him in a coma – and his mind in a place called *Downtown*, a nightmare world between life and death. There, he meets none other than his creation in the flesh, along with a beautiful cat-woman (with a very active tail!). The story is based on a comic book by **Kaja Blackley** (*The Menagerie*) and **Vanessa Chong**.

Two new TV shows of fury note, both plugged at the NATPE show by Egmont Entertainment of Great Britain (and currently seeking distribution): *Drip and Dasher*, in which a pair of Scandinavians named Drip and Magnus live next to a zoo where Santa's reindeer and their animal friends stay during the off-season, and *Hamilton Mattress*, featuring the adventures of a jazz-playing aardvark and his caterpillar friend.

Newly released on video and DVD is *Lady and the Tramp II: Scamp's Adventure*. Scamp, as collectors of old comics may recall, was the lone male pup born to Lady and Tramp – and he's in some ways even more of a rascal than his dad was! In this new direct-to-video animated feature from Walt Disney Home Video, Scamp runs off to "the wrong side of town" and falls into an adventure with a beautiful young pup and her junkyard-dog friends. [Personal connection department: At community college in California, your humble ed-otter took a cartooning course from **Roger Armstrong**, who for years was the un-credited artist who drew the Scamp comics.]

Several items of note are now available for fans of the popular SciFi Channel series *Farscape*. Episodes #1 and #2 are now available on one DVD, and #3 & #4 will soon be out. Also look for *Farscape: The Illustrated Companion* paperback book, available as an import in the U.S. A new set of 'In Motion' collector cards is available from Rittenhouse Archives, and the first *Farscape* soundtrack CD is out from GNP/Crescendo Records.

In Tokyo-smashing news: *Godzilla 2000*, the most recent giant-monster epic to hit our shores and our theaters, is now available on video tape and DVD.



Available in comic stores now is the re-issue of **Mike Kunkel's Herobear & The Kid #1** and #2 – both sporting brand new covers. Also available are two new 3-color designs of *Herobear* t-shirts, each available in children's large and adult XL. Oh, and make sure to look out for the new *Herobear*

beanbag plush! Check out Mike's web site too, at <http://www.theastonishfactory.com>.

New from MU Press is the *Frontiers* graphic novel by **Adrian Kleinberger**. According to *Previews*, it's "an epic tale of love, loss, betrayal, and flight". [That's as in airplanes.] It's also 96 pages in black & white.

Lately, *The Adventures of Barry Ween, Boy Genius* by **Judd Winick** has been taking a decidedly furry turn. In the current story arch, Barry winds up the unwilling and un-thrilled companion of a giant talking gorilla – like him, a new step in evolution. Issue #1 of this silly black & white series is currently on the shelves from Oni Press, Inc.

Shanda Fantasy Arts presents *SFA Spotlight #10: Plush Beauties*. Well-known furry pin-up artist **Oscar Marcus** gets a chance to make his own comic book title, and he brings us the story of a furry fashion magazine who's new model is something to see, even from far away: She's a giraffe. The book is 48 pages in black & white. Soon after, look for *SFA Spotlight #11: Atomic Mouse*. The famous Carlton Comics character returns in new and reprinted stories by his creator **Vince Fago** and a host of others (**Curtis, Ettinger, Broderick, Yambar, Scot-McMurry, Phillips, Schirmeister, Addlesee, and Gafford**). Meanwhile, from United Publications (released in the U.S. through SFA) comes *Sabrina Online Year Three: New Blood*, the latest Sabrina collection on dead trees by **Eric Schwartz** and friends. Watch what happens when the prim and proper skunk lady winds up employed as a web designer – for *ZigZag* and her adult film studio!

New from Kenzer & Co. is *Dungeons & Dragons: In the Shadow of Dragons*, a full-color 8-issue comic book mini-series. A small village has been

invaded by three powerful dragons – who demand that a series of ancient treasures be found and handed to them, lest the village be destroyed. The comic follows a group of young adventurers who are gathered to retrieve the treasures.

Looney Tunes #76 from DC Comics features the triumphant return of *Lola Bunny*. It seems that the athletic lady bunny has become a pizza-delivery rabbit – and her very first delivery call is from *Atlantis*!

Mike Hoffman's popular character *Tigress* has returned in the new black & white comic series *Tigress Tales* from Amryl Entertainment.

Prolific comic-book artist and writer **Richard Moore** has yet another new black & white series out from Radio Comics, *Déjà Vu*. *Deja* is a young witch who, with her familiar named *Wulf* (who can be any number of things), travels about battling evil forces that try to invade our world. The first mini-series was called *Blood War*, and on the shelves now is the one-shot called *The Pond*.

Speaking of Radio Comix, they are pleased and proud to present Issue #100 of *Furlough* – one of the longest-running furry anthology comics in existence. This giant 80-page black & white issue features a giant gallery section of past *Furlough* contributors, including **Ted Sheppard, Richard Moore, Diana X. Sprinkle, Shon Howell, Joe Rosales, Brian Sutton, Phil Morrissey, Gan Metaru, Dean L. Norton, Mark Moore, Thor Thorvaldson, Megan Giles, William Ruzicka**, and many more. That along with stories by **Lage, Calderon, Moran, Mills, Hanson, Garcia, and Arsenault**. Even the cover is special: It's a giant gatefold that features all the *Furlough* covers from #1 to #99. While you're looking for it, ask about the brand new *Furlough* t-shirt, with art by **Joe Rosales**.

Captain Camel and the Space Chicken. Now that's just the sort of title that makes furries sit up and take notice, isn't it? **Art Baltazar** and his friends (who previously brought you *Patrick the Wolf Boy*) are responsible for this very silly black & white comic series coming soon from Blindwolf Studios.

Recently found: *Stray*, from Homage Comics (an imprint of Wildstorm and DC Comics). It's the full-color adventures of a young actress named Katherine – and, her telepathic talking dog. You see, they're out to stop a threat from another world, all while she's trying to land a big part. Got it? Good. It's brought to you by **Scott Lobdell, Jimmy Palmiotti, and Adam Pollina**.

On the shelves now from Dark Horse Comics is the latest *Usagi Yojimbo* collection by **Stan Sakai, The Demon Mask**. This collection of diverse stories of the rabbit samurai is available in both trade paperback and hardcover formats.

In more trade paperback news, Image Comics has released the *Tellos TP Volume 1: Reluctant Heroes*. The 152-page full-color book collects issues #1 - #5 of the furry/fantasy comic series by **Todd Dezago and Mike Wieringo**. Meanwhile, look for the new *Tellos* spin-off series, *Tales of Tellos: Maiden Voyage*. This full-color mini-series features background stories on several characters from the main story arch.

In the reprints department, DC Comics has re-released the *Animal Man* trade paperback, featuring the original stories of the animal-power superhero by **Grant Morrison** illustrated by **Chas Troug, Tom Grummett, and Doug Hazlewood**.

Also hitting shelves now is *Frank Cho: Illustrator* in soft-cover from Insight Studio Group. The *Liberty Meadows* creator here collects some of his favorite Sunday color strips, along with his illustrations for *Cavewoman*, various science fiction and fantasy stories, and erotic works. More of Mr. Cho's artwork can be seen in *IS Art: The Art of Insight Studios*, a new full-color trade paperback that also features the art of **Mark Wheatley and Marc Hempel**.

The first two collections of **Masashi Tanaka's Gon** (*Gon* and *Gon Again*) have been re-collected in the new double-sized 224-page *Gon Trade Paperback*. At the same time, the *Gon Color Spectacular* is being re-released. These classic, wordless adventures of the tiny dinosaur are available from Paradox Press.

EC Comics presents the *Carl Barks Library Set, Volume 1*. Featuring *Donald Duck* issues #9 to #233, this black & white oversized collection is presented with full-color hardbound covers.

Science fiction author **Anne McCaffery** returns with *The Skies of Pern*, the first new *Dragonriders* novel in three years. Following the events of *All the Weyrs of Pern* and *The Dolphins of Pern*, this new hardcover from Ballantine Books follows the adventures of the Dragon Riders in the years after the end of Thread. In other news, the TV mini-series based on the original *Dragonriders of Pern* series is set to be broadcast sometime this year.

Two new novels by fury favorite **Paul Kidd** are available as trade paperbacks from Vision Books. *A Whisper of Wings*, released last year, has been re-solicited, and the new novel *The Rats of Acomar* will soon be available. This new book, set in the "Tales from the Mom Mist" shared universe created by **Lynn Abbey and Ed Greenwood**, tells the tale of the 'villains' of this world, the rats known as the Itheem – and why the other creatures of this world hate them and keep them fenced in. It features 10 full-page interior plates by **Terrie Smith**. Also, the long-awaited book version of *The Fangs of Ka'ath* is now available in hardcover from United Publications – featuring a cover by **Monica Livingstone**.

Recently stumbled across: The Dragon Chronicles by **Susan Fletcher**. This fantasy trilogy for young people follows the adventures of a young girl who, as a child, is saved from a deadly illness by a magick known as "Dragon's Milk". Years later, the young girl becomes a "dragon sayer" – one who can communicate with the giant beasts, and who becomes charged with protecting them from destruction. The books in the series are *Dragon's Milk*, *Flight of the Dragon Kyn*, and *Sign of the Dove*. They're available from Aladdin Paperbacks.

Also recently found was *Fire Bringer* by **David Clement-Davies**, published by Dutton Books. Set in ancient Scotland, the novel follows a herd of red deer, who refer to themselves as the Herla. When one young fawn is born with a leaf-shaped marking on his forehead, some the Herla believe him to be the reincarnation of their god come to save them from danger. He's not really, of course... or is he?

ConFurence 11 Guest of Honor **Christopher Rowley** has returned to his Ama series with a new novel, *The Shast War* from Penguin/Roc. On a world where humans have vanished and the ape-like inhabitants speak of them as an ancient evil, all hell breaks loose when "man the Cruel" returns. A young Aman named Thru Gillio is captured by humans and brought to their world – where he escapes, and tries to find his true love so that they both can go home.

New from **Alan Dean Foster** and Warner/Aspect Books is the novel *Kingdoms of Light*. In this fantasy, the Kingdom of the Gowlands has been conquered by the evil Khaxani Mundurucu, who curses the kingdom to an eternity of grey skies and fog. However, when Mundurucu killed the good wizard Susnam Evyndd, a powerful magick spell was unleashed – one that morphs the good wizard's dog, canary, three cats, and snake into humanoid form. Thus changed, our heroes head on a quest across the kingdoms of color, looking for a source of pure white light with which to destroy the evil back home.

Veteran fantasy author **Katherine Kurtz** has released *St. Patrick's Gargoyle* through Berkeley/Ace Books. It turns out, you see, that gargoyles are actually magickal creatures who come to life at night to protect us from evil. (All right, Disney fans, calm down...) When an ancient evil from Hell is nearly ready to break loose, it's up to the gargoyles of Dublin, Ireland and their human friends to set things right.

Anne Rice's sister **Alice Borchardt** has returned with *The Wolf King*, her latest fantasy/romance novel chronicling the adventures of the lady werewolf Regeane. It's available from Ballantine/Del Rey.

Redwall creator **Brian Jacques** has a new novel out from Philomel Books, and it's not set in the Redwall Abbey universe. *Castaways of the Flying Dutchman* follows a young boy named Ben, and his talking Dog, Ned. After falling off the Flying Dutchman, Ben and Ned try to help the villager who rescues them to save his town from destruction.

Katarra Kreations Ltd. is your complete store for Sci-Fi goodies. Billing themselves as 'the unusual

for all occasions', they carry a complete line of masks and costumes from *Star Wars* and other SF movies and TV, the *Babylon 5* collectible card game, and a collection of art prints by **Frank Kelly Freas**. Check out their web site at www.katarra.com.

Furry Stuff has *ConFurence Stuff!* The original ConFurence General Store (for ConFurences 0 – 10) has moved to the new Furry Stuff web portal. Check them out at www.furrystuff.com to find out more – very soon, pictures of what's available will be up online. Three of the popular ConFurence T-Shirt designs are still available for a limited time: "Furries in Force" (black on honey-color) by **Eric Schwartz** from CF7, "Furries in Love" (black and pink on grey) by **Rachael Cawley** from CF9, and "Sydney's World" (Sydney on a colored globe on green) by **Ken Sample** from CF10. Plus, a very few of **Mitch Beiro**'s colorful "Furries in Space" T-shirts remain (write for sizes available). They also still offer the *ConFurence Seven Highlights* Video, as well as the brand new *ConFurence Eight – Music and Mirth* highlights video too! And coming soon, the Highlights Video from ConFurence Nine, and a special combination video from CF5 and CF6! Not to mention many cool prints and extra Souvenir Books from past ConFurences! To find a complete list, visit the Furry Stuff web site, or send them an SASE at: Furry Stuff, P.O. Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92842-1958.



What, you're looking for NEW ConFurence Stuff? The ConFurence Group, home of ConFurence 12, has its own stash of stuff they want you to know about too! Available right now are brand-new full-color T-shirt designs for CF12 by Guest of Honor **Mike Kazaleh**, and CF 11 shirts by Guest of Honor **Mitch Beiro**, both for \$12.00 each. (Some larger sizes are \$15.00.) Plus our ConFurence lapel pins! That's right, the paw-globe logo can be right on your neck for only \$8.00. If you visit their web site at www.confurence.net/cf12, you can order this cool stuff *plus* ConFurence memberships, Cabaret tickets, and more, on-line! For more information about new ConFurence merchandise, write them at: The ConFurence Group, P.O. Box 84721, San Diego, CA 92138-4721.

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A Note to the staff members of our many Furry Conventions: Hey! We wanna help you get the word out! Having a cool-looking web site is a neat thing, but remember: There are still a significant number of fans out there (furry and otherwise) who don't use the World Wide Web, or who don't use it to its full potential. For them, there's this cool old thing folks on the Internet call *Snail Mail*. That's where we come in! Send us information, and let us help you get the word out to over 1,000 furry fans, artists, dealers, and publishers in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan... Look below for our reasonable ad rates, and don't forget... send us text blurbs and you get in for **free!**

Advertising in In-Fur-Nation: As before, ads in In-Fur-Nation come in two sizes: 1/8-page "business card" size for \$5.00 per issue, and 1/4-page size (4 1/2" tall by 3 1/4" wide) for \$10.00 per issue. We also offer full-page inclusions for \$50.00 per issue. Check should be made out to our new publishers, *Furry Stuff*. Send camera-ready art and text to P.O. Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92642-1958. By the way, just getting a *mention* in In-Fur-Nation is easy: Send us information (snail-mail or e-mail), and we'll reprint it in our blurbs section *verbatim*, with minor corrections for spelling and grammar.

(Information in this issue provided by Mark Merlin, Rod O'Riley, Darrel Exline, *Previews* magazine, and the staff of ConFurence.)

".... Lookit my eye twitchin'!" (Eddie Murphy, as the Donkey, from *Shrek*)

And now, more Winning Furry Lyrics!

Further Confusion 2001 held a Furry Songwriting Contest this year, and the winner (by audience choice) was **Tom Turrittin**. Here then are the lyrics to his winning song!

Do You Have a Tail?

Words & music c. 2001 by Tom Turrittin (Dronon Brassmane)

Do you have a tail?
Do you wear it well?
Do you swish it like a tiger,
Or hide it in a shelf?

It would be nice to have one
With possibilities
And that would be a tale to tell.

Are you a fox? with a long bushy brush
Are you a porcupine? look but don't touch
Are you a seahorse? who likes to unwind
Are you a possum? who hangs by his behind

Are you an otter? do you swim with grace
Are you a 'gator? do you swing it like a mace
Are you a kangaroo? who jumps off the ground
Are you Godzilla? do you raze the town

Do you have a tail?
Or are your quarters bare?
Is it hard to put on pants,
Or sit down on a chair?

It would be nice to have one
With possibilities
And that would be a tale to tell.

Are you a skink? you can lose it then mend
Are you a python? do you lose track of the end
Are you skunk? I hope you don't get mad
Are you a guinea pig? ooh, that's too bad

Are you a bird? does it help you lift your wings
Are you a lemur? the lord of the rings
Are you a peacock? do you strut your stuff
Are you a kitsune? you've got enough

Do you have a tail?
Do you wear it well?
Do you keep it clean and tidy,
So that it doesn't start to smell.

It would be nice to have one
With possibilities
And that would be a tale to tell.

Furry Conventions Coming Your Way This Year!

CritterConDiego

CritterConDiego will be a two-night mini-Con adjacent to San Diego's ComiCon International on July 20 and July 21, 2001. Dealers, artists, sketches, videos, and more! For all the de-tails, check out <http://www.polarden.org/ccd2>.

Anthrocon 2001

The largest furry con east of the Rockies will be held July 27 - 29, at the famous Adams Mark Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This year's theme is "Furries in Flight".

This year's Guests of Honor include: **Bill Holbrook** (*Kevin & Kell*) and **Dan DeCarlo** (creator of *Josie & the Pussycats*).

Registration is \$40 until June 30th, 2001, and \$45 thereafter and at the door.

Hotel Information: Adams Mark Hotel, City & Monument Ave. Phone (215) 581-5000 (Mon-Fri, 8am-8pm Eastern Time). Room rates are \$95 per night.

For More Information: Anthrocon, Inc., P.O. Box 270, Devault, PA 19432. Their e-mail is anthrocon@anthrocon.org, and their Web site is <http://www.anthrocon.org>.

G-FEST 2001

The first and largest convention for fans of kaiju (Godzilla and other giant monsters of Japan) returns to middle America for the year 2001. The dates are July 13 - 15, 2001, at the Radisson Hotel Arlington Heights near Chicago, Illinois. Rooms are \$75.00 a night for single or double. Among the special guests will be science fiction and fantasy artists **Bob Eggleton**, and G-Fan editor **J.D. Rees**. Check out <http://www.g-fan.com> for more details, or write to them care of DAIKAIJU ENTERPRISES LTD., Box 3468, Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada R0A 2AO

Gargoyles World Tour: The Gathering 2000

The next Gathering for fans of Disney's popular TV series *Gargoyles* will be held June 22 - 25, 2001, at the Sheraton Universal in Los Angeles, California - the heart of the entertainment industry. Check out this (very partial) Guest List: **Marina Sirtis** (from *Star Trek - Next Generation*/ Voice of Demona from *Gargoyles*), **Thom Adcox-Hernandez** (Voice of Lexington), **Edward Asner** (Voice of Hudson), **Brigitte Bako** (Voice of Angela), **Jeff Bennett** (Voice of Brooklyn & Owen Burnett), **Bill Fagerbakke** (Voice of Broadway), **Greg Weisman** (Series Creator, Writer / Supervising Producer), **Frank Paur** (Supervising Producer / Director), **Dennis Woodard** (Producer / Director), **Bob Kline** (Development Art Director), **Lisa Salamone** (Associate Producer), **Michael Reaves** (Writer / Story Editor), **Brynne Chandler Reaves** (Writer / Story Editor), **Gary Sperling**

(Writer / Story Editor), **Lydia Marano** (Writer), **Jamie Thomason** (Voice and Casting Director), **Karen Peterson** (Animation and Timing Director), **Dave Schwartz** (Development Art Director), **Greg Guler** (Development Artist / Lead Character Designer) – and many, many more.

Memberships are currently \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children ages 10 through 14 (accompanied by an adult) – but these rates are only good through May 15, 2001! To find out more, write to them at: The Gathering of the Gargoyles, P.O. Box 18972 Cleveland, OH 44118-0972. Or, check out their web site at <http://gathering.gargoyles-fans.org>.

Eurofurence 7

The largest gathering of furries in Europe will be held August 2 – 5, 2001, at a castle near the village of Kirchen in Midwestern Germany. Attending membership is currently 170 DM through the end of May, when it becomes 210 DM. For more information, prices, and directions, check out their web site at <http://www.eurofurence.org/EF7>.

Feral! 2001

August 22 – 26, 2001, at the Kinark Outdoor Centre, Ontario, Canada. Thus far, the world's only Furry Summer Camp.

Those with net access can visit the *new* Feral! web site (www.campferal.org) for the latest details. You can also send email to info@campferal.org, or write to: Feral!, Box 47008, Sheridan Mall P.O., Mississauga ON, L5K 1T9, Canada.

Watch this space in July for more info on Mephit Furmeet (August 31 – September 2, in Memphis, Tennessee), ZonieCon (October, in Tucson, Arizona), Conifur Northwest (October 26 – 28, in Fife, Washington), and The Midwest FurFest (November 16 – 18, near Chicago, Illinois).



Picture c. 2001, The Gathering of the Gargoyles

But First Off, there's ConFurence 12...



ConFurence 12, Progress Report #4

March 16, 2001

Well, the pre-registration deadline is past, and things are looking very promising for a successful convention this year. The Hotel Room block pickup is a bit lighter than I'd like to be completely comfortable, but it is looking a lot better than it was just one month ago. (*why do people always wait until the last minute? Pretty stressful on us con-chairs, you know...*)

Registration

If you failed to pre-register before the deadline (*if your name is not listed on the next page then we do not have your pre-registration in the database*) then you will be required to register at the door when you arrive at the convention.

Full Membership to cover all four days of the convention will cost \$45 at the door. A two-day membership covering both Thursday and Friday will cost \$25, a Saturday only membership will cost \$30, and if you arrive for just the last day of the convention, a Sunday only membership will cost \$20.

Our Registration desk will be open late on Thursday so that people can pick up their membership ID's before Thursday night's events.

Dealer's Room

Our Dealer's Room filled out nicely, as I suspected it would after FC was over. Our final count is 79 tables with the following dealers:

Akbar Press	Kiddielivings Books and Art
Aldbran	Koyote Track Productions
Alicia Austin	Laughing Rabbit Graphics
Anti-Ballistic Pixelations	Light Bright Studios
Beiro / Sheppard	Light Horse Graphics
Blue Star Creations	Living Clay Production
Bucky's WTS Ranch	Marci Mokham
Bushycat (Grayell Graphics)	Margaret Mannet Fine Books
Cargo Cult Books & Notions	Monika Livingston-Chuck Nezzer, et.al.
Cold Cut Distribution	Mousehund Studios
Con 2001	Pawprints Fanzine
Cottontail Studios	Ponygir's Fonytale
Derrick Dosenbrock	Rivercocon Arts
Digital Impudentum	Rock Soup Studio
Dragon's Perch	Shanda Fantasy Arts
Fantasy Illustrations by Little Paw	Sign of the Hawk
Fauxpaw	Sofawolf Press
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Last minute cancellations include *Mayhem County Creations* and *Steve Crompton*, both of which are very sorry that they will not be able to attend this year, but are looking forward to 2002.

There are several new additions to the dealer's room this year, some of which are attending a furry convention for the very first time. Let's be sure to make them feel welcome, and buy, Buy, BUY!! ☺

Artist's Alley

As usual, our Artist's Alley will be set up just outside the Dealer's Room for artists to sit and draw commissions. Spaces in Artist's Alley are free of charge, but are available only on a first-come, first-served basis. Signups for each day of the convention begin at 9:45am Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for those days' tables. Line up near the Dealer's Room entrance if you want a space that day.

Since Artist Alley spaces are outside the Dealer's Room, retail displays and sales of inventory merchandise can not be permitted. The Artist's Alley is specifically for struggling artists who cannot afford a Dealer's Table. Memberships are not required to visit Artist's Alley.

Fan Tables

Just across from Artist's Alley will be our row of Fan Tables. These are tables that are setup and manned by other convention and fandom organizations, and are provided free of charge, in return for tables provided to The ConFurence Group at their events.

Thursday Ice Cream Social

Our traditional Thursday night "Meet the Guests" opening ceremonies will be immediately followed by our annual Ice Cream Social. There will be free ice cream for all attending members, so be sure to join us and say hello to everybody.

NEW! Saturday Dealer's Breakfast

On Saturday morning, we will be having a special Dealer's Breakfast in Academy 3 from 8:30am to 10am. Dealer's and their guests are invited to attend for only \$6 per person and enjoy an all-you-can-eat traditional American breakfast (eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, cereal, juice, etc.).

Of particular note is that this breakfast actually costs us much more than \$6 per person, but The ConFurence Group is picking up the difference in order to have the event and see how well it is received this first time around. Because of the expenses involved, this special breakfast will be limited to the first 80 people who show up.

Tickets will not be sold in advance, and at least one Dealer Member must accompany each group as you arrive. Pay by Cash or Check as you enter. Sponsors and SuperSponsors of ConFurence 12 may also join us for breakfast without being accompanied by a Dealer.

All Your Base Are Belong to Us

Captain! Somebody set up the bomb! What you say? Move every Ziq. For great justice.

Saturday Night Cabaret

This year's annual adults only Variety show and Cabaret will be donating all proceeds to the Exotic Feline Breeding Center in Rosamond, California. Their work toward breeding large cats who are either endangered or whose population is threatened is instrumental in preserving these species.

You may purchase admission to the Cabaret at the ConFurence Store (located next to registration in Academy 2) during the convention. The ConFurence Store is also the place to get T-shirts for CF12, and for Sponsors to pick up their bonus-packets.

We Need Gophers!

If you wish to volunteer your services at ConFurence, first purchase a membership, and then proceed directly to Convention Operations (located in Academy 2, right behind Registration) and give us your *soul*, err, umm, I mean your time and assistance. Volunteers (ie: Gophers) who work a minimum number of required hours may either have their membership cost reimbursed at the end of the convention (keep your receipt), or get a free membership for ConFurence 2002 with a free ConFurence 12 T-shirt.

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If you are even thinking about getting a roommate to share hotel room expenses, reserve your room now, even if you're not sure you can find a roommate. You can always cancel a reservation 48-hours in advance without penalty if your roommate plans fall apart.

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